

TUESDAY, July 26, 1864.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. McNemar.

All the Members present except the following :

Messrs. Baker, Berry, of Baltimore county, Billingsley, Briscoe, Brooks, Clarke, Dellinger, Dennis, Gale, Greene, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Johnson, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Lansdale, Larsh, Mace, Marbury, Mayhugh, Noble, Robinette, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Worcester, Thruston, Turner, Wickard—29.

- The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Valliant submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the State Librarian shall have bound 1000 copies of the Journal of Proceedings, and 1000 copies of the Debates of this Convention, at a cost not to exceed the rates per volume of binding the Laws and Journals of the last General Assembly, and shall distribute the same as the Laws and Journals are now distributed, and the same amount allowed by law, to pay the expenses of distributing the Laws and Journals, is hereby directed to be paid for distributing the Journal and Debates of this Convention. The remaining copies to remain in the Library;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cushing gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment to section 39 of the report of the Committee on the Legislative Department :

Strike out the entire section and insert the following :

“Sec. 39. The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer of the State are hereby authorized and directed conjointly or any two of them, to sell at the earliest practicable period to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, the State's interest in the works of Internal Improvement, whether as stockholder or creditor, except the State's interest in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, which shall be and hereby is reserved and excepted from the sale hereby authorized and directed, and to apply the proceeds arising from such sale towards the payment of the public debt of the State, and after the public debt shall have been fully paid off, or the sinking fund shall be equal to